



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Armin Herb

SERIAL NO.: 09/981,502

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FOR: Attachment Device for Elongate Objects

EXAMINER: Flemming Saether Group: 3677

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, in which the Examiner rejects claims 1-3 and 7 as being unpatentable over the prior art and indicates that claim 4 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 4 has been duly noted.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: